



COMMUTER ALERT

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CALTRANS SET TO BEGIN WORK ON TWO-WAY LEFT TURN LANE PROJECT ON STATE ROUTE 62

SAN BERNARDINO— The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and Granite Construction expect to begin work on the \$4.7 million two-way left turn lane project **in early April**. The project limits are from .25 miles west of Torres Avenue in Joshua Tree to 400 feet east of Lee Drive. Typical work hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. seven days a week—night shifts are possible. Around the clock lane closures are probable, however, one lane in each direction of travel will be open. **Work on the shoulder will require excavating 16 inches of material and will be marked by barrels and appropriate signage. During the excavation of shoulder areas, only one lane in each direction will be available.**

This project is needed to address the higher than average collisions which occur across the center line of the highway. Additionally, the project will widen the existing shoulders to meet the standard eight foot width specification.

Speeds are reduced through the construction zone. Appropriate signage and changeable message signs will be posted to alert motorists of the change in speed and traffic patterns. Please be aware of construction crews that are entering and exiting the highway. Thank you for your patience as Caltrans works to improve the operational efficiency of the roadway.

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